

in earnest. When he saw that Mrs. I. was serious in not letting them take the beans, Dan spat at her and said angry things.

June 1926. Herbert had threatened to hit another child with his spade, and Mrs. I. took the spade away. He stormed and cried and hung on to it while Mrs. I. had hold of it and was asking him to let it go. Suddenly Phineas, standing behind Mrs. I., hit her a sharp blow with his hand. When she turned and said, " Please, Phineas, don't do that," he said emphatically, " I shall if you're unkind to Herbert."

15.12.26. Dan was away, and Jane and Conrad talked about him. Conrad said, " Dan loves his mummy —he adores her/" Jane: "Yes, he thinks she's everybody." Conrad: " But she isn't everybody, is she ? She's only one person. Do you like her?" "No, not much." Conrad: "Neither do I." (There is every reason to think this last remark was quite untrue, and was mere pandering to Jane.)

Autumn Term 1926. Miss D. joined the staff of the school half-way through this term. For two or three weeks a group of the children, including Jane, Dan, Conrad, Priscilla, were extremely hostile to her, frequently calling her " a beast "—" Oh, here comes that beast"—saying they did not want to be with her, and creating difficulties at meal times and bed times. After two or three weeks this wore off and she was promoted to one of their " best friends " and a favourite member of the staff.

Easter Term 1927. Miss C. joined the staff at the beginning of this term, and was subjected to the same group hostility as had been shown to Miss D. last term. The children involved were again Jane, Dan, Conrad, Priscilla, with Lena and Jessica. The hostile attitude gradually faded away as she established herself in their affections.

c. *To Younger or Inferior Children or any Temporary Scape-goat*

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10.11.24. The children very often like to

exclude one or
two of the smaller ones from their group. They
say, " Shall
we bury so-and-so in the castle ? Shall we kill
so-and-so ?
Shut him out," or, " So-and-so cannot come into
our shop,"
" There are no so-and-so's in our castle."
When they all ran in from the garden to-day,
they shut
Benjie out.
12.11.24. Harold and the other children were
saying about
someone (whose name Mrs. I. did not catch), " I
don't like his